

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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BLINDNESS CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of totally blind and partially blind persons in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of cataract cases identified and operated upon during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) As per the survey- 2001-02 conducted under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), there were around 12 million blind persons in the country. A statement showing State-wise blind population in the country is enclosed at ANNEXURE-I. Data regarding partially blind persons has not been maintained.

(b) A statement showing State-wise details of cataract cases identified and operated during the last three years (2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08) is enclosed at ANNEXURE-II.